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is the postage hero for this issue. He/she donated the necessary funds to have this issue mailed to the residents of Irondale area as well as those with an interest in staying in touch.

THANK YOU

Sadly our research grant has come to an end. That doesn't mean we will stop searching nor collecting pictures, stories, legal documents and more! June and Carol have had many breakthroughs. As with any research for every question answered another comes to mind. Recently the two travelled to Ottawa and spent a few days at what used to be called the National Archives (now Library & Archives Canada).

The pair handled and photographed documents from the 1880's — share certificates sold to raise capital for the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railroad — railroad tariff books, the lined books the secretary of the I.B.&O. railway board had written the meetings minutes in and handwritten letters from Charles J. Pusey himself. Photos of these articles and more will be on display or included in future newsletters.

Finding these articles was fascinating but as was stated earlier more questions emerged. For example the stock certificates had a legal seal on them. Wonder where the original machine is? There was no mention—in the pieces looked at so far—of the Toronto Iron Mine Company, the Snowdon Mine Company or mining in general! The stock certificates did sort of answer one of Carol's long time questions. Who was the Z. A. Lash that ran the I.B.& O. railway in the early 1920's? Notations on some of the certificates indicated that Z. A. Lash was initially an investor that became a member of the railway's board. Some of the privately held stocks were sold to Lash, after the holder had passed away. The executors probably sold to free up some much needed cash for the individual families.

A second trip to Ottawa is planned as well as another to the Ontario Archives in Toronto. It is hoped the trip to Ottawa will include a meeting with the curator of the Science & Technology

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Irondale Historical Society 'entertains'

Irondale went to Minden. At least in photo & story form. Members of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group were recently treated to an evening of Irondale history. George Simmons was to tell the stories, Carol back him up with photos shown on the screen. George had to be out of town so Carol went solo. Armed with a supply of brochures, membership forms & the photos, she gave an overview of the information that we have uncovered. The 45 minute presentation also covered the reason behind the decision to organize and the subsequently incorporation. Carol explained the township's historical designation using the photos to explain the church's historical attributes. The members were most appreciative of the information, donating the proceeds of the evenings 'bring & win raffle' and 'refreshments bar'. Many there asked to be included in the mailing of the Irondale Historical Society newsletter. The newsletter will be emailed to the genealogy & made available for researchers to resource. Visitors are welcome at their meetings. Check out their website **www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~onhhgg** for more information and meeting dates & times.

Comments from various emails received —

"Hi, Carol & all the 'Irondale Historical Community'! :) "Happy New Year" to you all! :) Thanks ever so much for that extremely interesting Christmas newsletter you sent - I really found it quite fascinating that there is so much history in that area that one never really hears about - until now! :) You & your group do a wonderful job of 'keeping History alive' - thanks! My late husband, Walter, would have been quite delighted to know all this - he was a 'history major' at University & revelled in this kind of thing. Hope you are all enjoying the beginning of 2013 & trust that all goes smoothly for the rest of the year, with blessings of health, happiness & prosperity to you all! :) Take care & have a sunny day! :)

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'History' is so very important to our understanding of 'who we are' & 'where we came from' &
'why things are now the way they are'. Keep up the good work - I'll look forward to your next newsletter!

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All I can add just now is, WOW!!!

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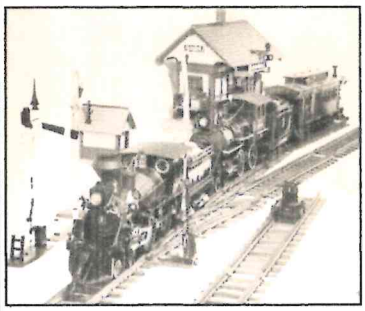
Research Grant ...

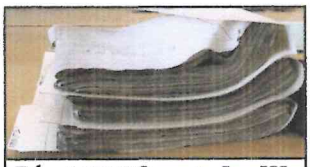
Museum in hopes of having a first hand look at the miniature train and building pieces made & donated by Mr. J. M. Howland in 1969. The pieces have been in storage for quite some time - so an appointment must be made. Mr. J. M. Howland was a grandson of Mr. Charles J. Pusey.



You will find several smaller articles, placed throughout this newsletter, pieces that we found as a result of our research.

As I've said many times before—the more answers we find, the more questions it raises. Some of the pieces we located to date— tariff books, stock certificate book, correspondence between Charles Pusey and others. Felt quite honoured to be handling and reading original paperwork.

Twelve years worth of correspondence—complaint against Irondale Bancroft Rail service being reduced from a 6 day to 3 day service. The files to the right—contain petitions with actual signatures. It is planned to have these specific petition pages reproduced and displayed in the respective townships allowing family members to see their ancestors handwriting. I for one find that fascinating.



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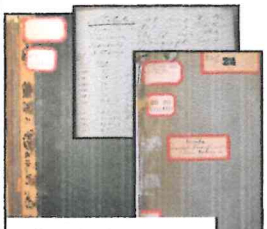

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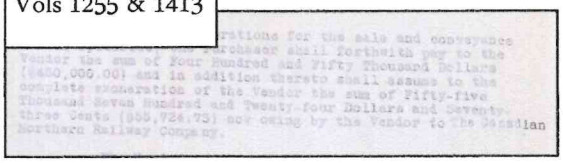
Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway Co & Toronto & Nipissing Eastern Extension Railway C Minute Books. The light blue one started in September 1910 and ends 1943. Inside the front cover of the hardcover dark book has the Statutes laid out. See the Statutes on page 7. Fascinating—dry reading to be sure—but fascinating to be able read the 'goings on' at the Board meetings. Again over time we will feature some of the points raised and decisions made.



Found within these books—Nov 18, 1943— *"proposal having been received to purchase the lines and undertakings of the Company for $450,000 and the assumption by Canadian National of the debt now owed To the Canadian Northern Railway Co."* A few pages later we find the minutes of the Dec 28, 1943 meeting of shareholders— *"recommending to the shareholders the acceptance of an offer from the Canadian National Railway Company to purchase the Company's lines set forth in the draft agreement now submitted to the meeting."* The last two pages are the actual signed agreement—selling the I.B.O. to the Canadian National Railway Company.

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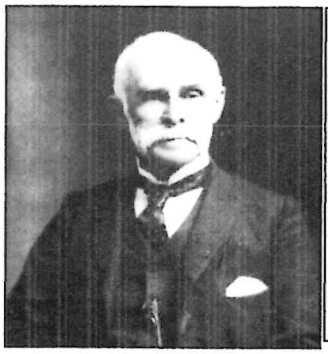
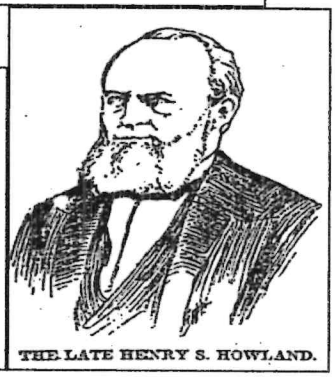
From time to time we will feature people that played a part in Charles Pusey's life; therefore Irondale's history. The following two gentlemen were partners on different projects that Pusey had on the go. Seems Charles was quite a go-getter, handling several projects at a time.



Mr. A. F. Wood moved with his father to Madoc Village in 1853. In 1862 he built a large flouring mill in the village; and was elected Reeve of Madoc Township in 1858, filling that office with ability for 19 years. He was elected Warden of the County of Hastings in 1864, and filled that position for ten years. As Chairman of the Public School Board, and being a public spirited citizen, he took a deep interest in the cause of liberal education; believing that on the intelligence and virtue of the people, the safety and welfare of the Dominion rested.

images.ourontario.ca/partners/

Henry Stark Howland was an American who arrived in Canada around 1840. He was a founding director of Canadian Bank of Commerce then 1875 first president of Imperial Bank of Commerce — ironic twist, both bank later merged as the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in 1960. Henry partnered with Charles Pusey on some mining sites and the railroad promotion and construction. Henry Stark Howland's nephew, Lucien Barnes, married C.J. Pusey's daughter, Anna Virginia in 1891. *We will learn more of this man in future newsletters.*



THE LATE HENRY S. HOWLAND.

Many Fished From Windows Of the Train

Special to The Globe and Mail

Bancroft, March 10—This is not Bancroft's year. The Canadian national Railways is closing the 53.7 mile Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa branch line from York River crossing to Howland Junction at the end of March. This news followed an announcement in January by officials of Canadian Dyno Mines that its property would be closed at the end of June. It is one of the three producers in the Bancroft uranium camp. Both the mine and railway decisions are the results of retrenching economies.

The mine's closing will tighten the belts and crimp the pocket books of the come-lately mining people. But the end of the railway service touches the hearts of four generations of Haliburton district residents.

Not many oldtimers are left who recall the building of the IB & O in 1880. Their tales of early days on the Pike, however, and its subsequent opration are folklore stuff that dim the derring-do of Casey Jones.

What Ontario railway, Haliburtonians ask, has a built-in 10 per cent grade with a two-mile terraced slope? Where else could passengers fish for bass from the colonial-style coach windows in the brawling Burnt River that coils close tho the tracks in a dozen places? The countin of deer and moose by train crews is too commonplace to mention.

The east-west I B & O joins a north-south railway extension line at either end: the Howland Junction to Haliburton village line; the York River to Wallace line. Lumbering and mining produced enough early revenue on the I B & O without extending the line to Ottawa, as the original charter title suggests. During its busiest 60 years the I B & O helped spawn 11 settlements along the line, all with unusual names: Furnace Falls, Irondale, Maxwells, Gooderham, Tory Hill, Ward, Wilberforce, Mumford, Highland Grove, Baptiste and Hughes. The terminal stations at York River and Howland are but small single buildings.

Mines along the line were opened and closed. Lumbering bared the forest and in recent years trucking has eaten in the rail haulage of pulpwood until there is little or no reason for the line being continued. A suggestion in the CNR Trainman News that the line could be used for weekend sightseeing trips is unlikely to be put into practice. The I B & O railway will make its last trip on March 31.

Found in the Globe & Mail, March 1960

Ontario Incorporation
May 22 2012

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~Rentals~
If you are interested in using the Irondale Community Church for your next function, please contact
Glenda Simmons
705-447-2679
or Carol Simmons
705-457-8438
to discuss the particulars

Sunday Services Resume

June 2
10 am start

Refreshments Follow

Please plan to join us.

~ Bark Lake Cultural Developments ~

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We are excited to use two online shopping sites to raise funds for the restoration projects planned for the Irondale Church, built 1887. We invite and encourage you to use them.

Regal offers more than 1000 products with hundreds being priced under $20. We are sure every one can find something either for themselves or as a gift for family and friends.
Regal has designed our own website for safe and secure ordering—www.blcd.shopregal.ca
Please read all the details on the homepage. You can start placing your orders immediately and all orders must be placed by December 31st, 2013. Never too early to start shopping for those unique Christmas gifts. After placing your order on our web store, the products are delivered directly to you. In stock items generally arrive within 7-10 business days.

Amway offers trusted products for personal and home care. If you enjoy finding new products that fit your lifestyle, you'll love what's "in store!". Check out www.amway.ca/simmons Orders are generally received to your door in 3—5 days. Payment can be made using Paypal, Credit Card and direct banking.

Don't want to order online?
You can certainly request a paper catalogue for Regal and Amway from Carol Simmons.
Please leave her a message at
705-286-3588.

Gonna Be Spring Cleaning ????

We encourage you to keep us in mind as you sort.

We are holding a **Yard/Garage Sale**
May 17, 18 & 19
Kinmount Arena (Kinmount Fairgrounds).

Your clean & working items will be most appreciated.
Restoration plans for Irondale's Heritage Church are costly — every donation counts !

Hold your yard sale with us!
Table space is available.

For more information call
Melissa Simmons-Biskup 705-488-1084
or Fred J. Simmons 705-286-3588

Please save your plastic shopping bags for us!

God Parting the Sky

Bill & Bette Witham passed the picture & accompanying story along in an email recently. I thought it deserved to be shared as well.

USA resident Bob Frew wrote "I took this picture on Int. 20, traveling to Leeds, Alabama. It has given me strength in the times of trouble. I feel I should share it with the rest of the world. I hope it is an inspiration to you. It just goes to show what we already know... We have a God, and he's watching over us.

I e-mailed this picture to News Channel Fox 6. I was contacted by Meteorologist James Spann. He said that this picture of the sky is showing up in all states and around the world. He wanted to know where I was from and where I took it. He saw a similar picture taken in Texas. He said this is amazing to him.

It reminds me of that song 'He's got the whole world in his hands.' He is definitely in control. Enjoy and pass it along!"

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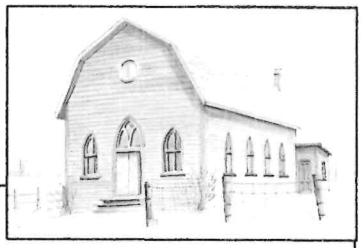

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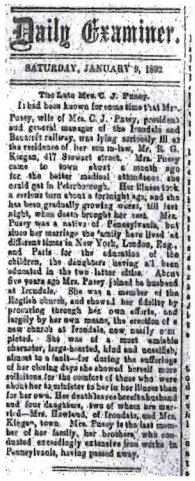

Daily Examiner.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1892

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Dinner and Auctions
Gooderham Community Centre
March 16, 2013

Thank You !

Thanks to all the people who purchased event tickets, and to those that participated in the evenings 'entertainment'. Lottery tickets, gift certificates, stained glass, hardware items, wine kits, etc. and cash were all taken home .

Fred & his faithful kitchen assistants served salmon, trout, pickerel, in many forms— fish loaf, deep fried, baked, and au natural with potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw & roll. Dessert was a yummy bread pudding!

Profits realized—pennies away from $2,000.

Again THANK YOU !

Take Your Valentine to France for Dinner with a Twist

"Just called to say we had a lovely evening last night. We really enjoyed ourselves. You certainly put a lot of work into it."

An email from Peterborough visitors — "Thank you for the nice meal. We really enjoyed the meal and the laughter. We were impressed and would go again."

Just a quick note to let you know it was a fun time last Saturday night. As, I said before - you throw a great party.

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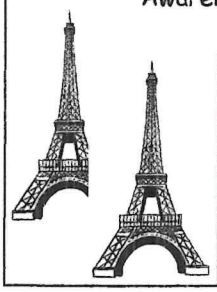
These are just a few of the remarks that have come our way since the 'Dinner with a Twist' event. Guests were promised they would dine within sight of the Eiffel Tower. There were towers everywhere!

The Irondale Community Centre was filled to near capacity, the guests enjoying a steaming bowl French Onion Soup, Pork Loin with Bordelaise Sauce, Parsley'd Potatoes, French Cut Green Beans, plenty of French Bread, Red & White Wine, rich chocolate dessert. Many of the guests left with more than just a satisfied stomach. There were lots of door prizes to be won.

Awareness and a bit of money was raised to help with the restoration project of Irondale's Heritage Church.



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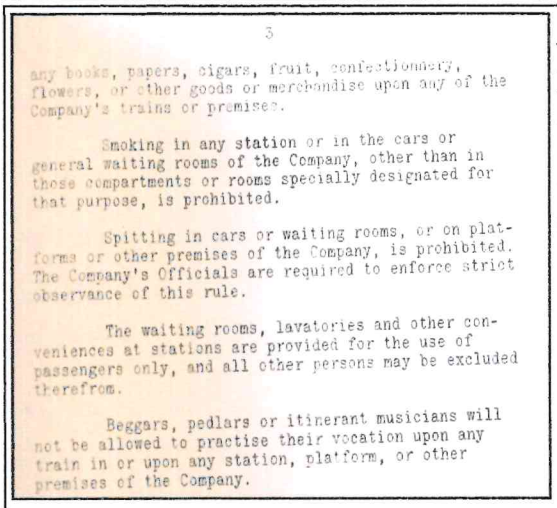
Can you be a Postage Hero? Our distribution list is growing! It now takes $55 for postage each time we do a mailing. This money allows us to send a complete newsletter to all the households on our mailing list. We have oodles that receive their newsletter by email—those don't cost the Society anything to send. Please consider donating postage for one mailing. Contact a member of the Irondale Historical Board for further details. (see front page)

A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock prevents you from rolling over & going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button



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any books, papers, cigars, fruit, confectionnery, flowers, or other goods or merchandise upon any of the Company's trains or premises.

Smoking in any station or in the cars or general waiting rooms of the Company, other than in those compartments or rooms specially designated for that purpose, is prohibited.

Spitting in cars or waiting rooms, or on platforms or other premises of the Company, is prohibited. The Company's Officials are required to enforce strict observance of this rule.

The waiting rooms, lavatories and other conveniences at stations are provided for the use of passengers only, and all other persons may be excluded therefrom.

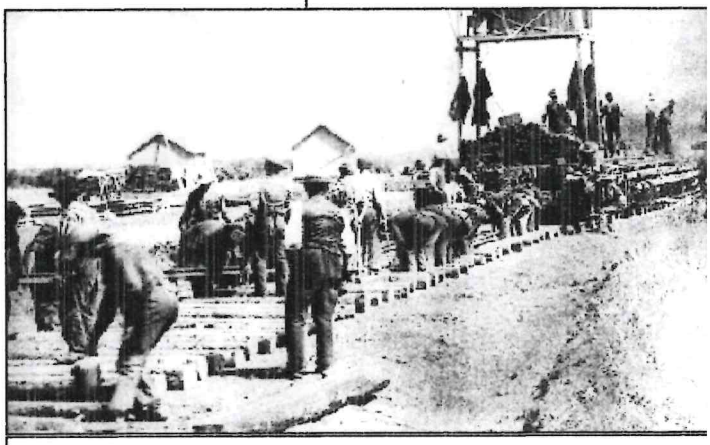
Beggars, pedlars or itinerant musicians will not be allowed to practise their vocation upon any train in or upon any station, platform, or other premises of the Company.

A new 'rule' ? I think not !

Many feel that the relatively recent onslaught of 'No Smoking' areas is new. Not so fast.

During our recent archives trip we uncovered a document that listed the rules of the Irondale Bancroft Ottawa Railway. The second paragraph *"Smoking in any station or in the cars or general waiting rooms of the Company, other than in those compartments or room specially designated for that purpose, is prohibited."* The rules go on to say *" Spitting in cars or waiting rooms, or on platforms or other premises of the Company, is prohibited. The Company's Officials are required to enforce strict observance of this rule. The waiting rooms, lavatories and other conveniences at stations are provided for the use of passengers only, and all other persons may be excluded therefrom. Beggars, pedlars or itinerant musicians will not be allowed to practise their vocation upon any train in or upon any stations, platform, or other premises of the Company."*

Found within the IBO meeting minutes of October 27 1924



Canadian Northern Pioneer

A "pioneer" was a track-laying machine which fed a steady current of ties and rails (courtesy PAS).

www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/articles/canadian-northern-railway

Philanthropy is not something that I think about. It is part of who I am and something that I simply like to do. What motivates me is knowing that in some small way, I have been able to contribute to the goodness of the community."

If you do not see your name below—your membership has lapsed.

Kay Armatage; Michelle Bannock; Ron Barr; Yvette Brauer; Lorne Buckingham Sr.; Sue Buckingham; Marianne Cassin; Loweena Dean; Pat DeFrancesco; Heather, Janet & Laura Farina; Mary Graham; Arnold Hancock; Ed & Christine Hancock; Mark Hancock; Pat Miller; Percy Lavers; Heather Hancock; Robert Hancock; Madeleine Howarth; Kathy McAlpine; Sylvia Melanson; Jean Neville; Klara Oyler; Ron & June Shepstone; Ronnie Rankin; Bill Procter; Jean Quibell; Dorothy Reid; Doug Rodger; Barbara Gordon; Helen Pantridge; Fred & Carol Simmons; Jane Wilson; George & Glenda Simmons; Bruce & Susan Thompson; Marg Swanton; Al & Pat Witham; Bill & Bette Witham; Gary & Kathy Mansfield; Kingsley & Carolyn Greenham; Nikki Wilson; Samantha Thompson; Shirley Warder; Fred & Manny Albert

Want to show your support for the worthy projects taken on? You need to send in your $10 per person membership. Memberships purchased are valid until August 2013.

The Irondale Historical Society Board of Directors is working on a special 'gift' for members only.

You will not want to miss out on it. Renew your membership today.

Euchre

You won't find this cake—that's right, it's a cake—on the goodie table on the Irondale Euchre nights, You will find a lot of laughter, good jokes, active ribbing each other—oh and we do play six hands of euchre.

Coffee and goodies are served after the games are over, There are three prizes each week to be won.

All this and only a Twoonie each person!! Com e join us for an evening you won't soon forget. Cards dealt at 7 pm, home shortly after 9pm.

Potluck Dinners

Glenda Simmons is busy organizing the monthly **Potluck Dinners** at the Irondale Community Centre. These dinners allow us to keep in touch with our neighbours and friends as well as honour those with birthdays/anniversaries that month. The gatherings have ranged from 20 to over 40 individual people enjoying the vast variety of foods offered. Sure beats trying to come up with variety in your own household!

November

December

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January

February

We'd like you to join us each month. Don't wait for your personal invitation! Glenda generally has a notice posted at the Irondale store giving the date and time of the upcoming dinner. Or call Glenda at 705-447-2679, let her know you want on the phone list. She will notify you when the dinners are going to take place. The dates each month vary as they need to be worked around the community centre rental schedule.

Community Centre Annual Dinner
September 21, 2013
Details will follow

Community Centre Contacts

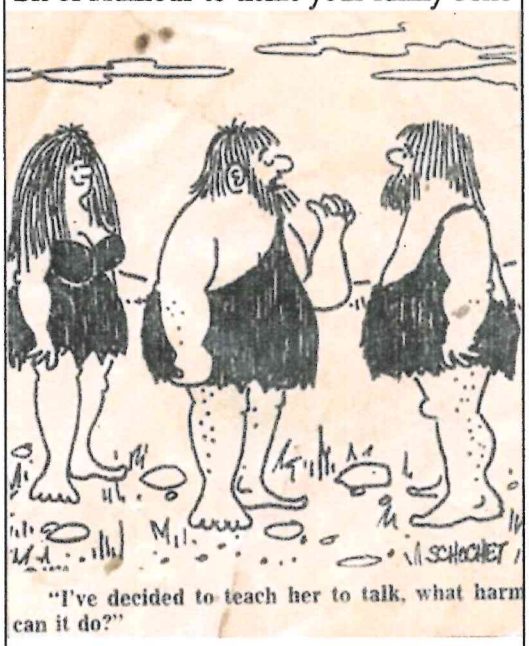
Rentals for the centre & the big tent can be booked thru Barry Simmons 705-447-2380. There is an answering machine so be sure to leave your name and number, so a return call can be made. Committee members—

Jean Neville (councillor)	Rick Ratcliffe
Barry Simmons	George Simmons
Chris James	Jane Wilson

Statutes referring to the Toronto & Nipissing Eastern Extension Ry Co and the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railway Co

Year 1880	Chap 67	To incorporate
1881	75	May make agreement with other C'ys
1884	76	To change name to I.B. & O.
1886	69	Time extended
1887	74	May amalgamate with other C'ys
1888	68	Prov re: municipal debents. Branch with ? to Sault Ste Marie
1890	121	Time extended issue bonds limited
1892	41 s.4	Subsidy $3000 per mile for 10 miles
1894	49.0.1	Subsidy $3000 per mile for 15 miles
1895	103	Act respecting

Bit of Humour to tickle your funny bone



"I've decided to teach her to talk, what harm can it do?"

Gren Schrader shared the above with me. Suppose he had an ulterior motive? This cartoon originally appeared Fri Apr 29 2011 posted by *The Editor* and can be found on www.freeduh.com

Do You Know Where You Will Be Buried?

Have you given much thought to just where you will be interred when the time comes? Are you planning to go into that Family Plot that your grandfather or father purchased so many years ago? Do you have the legal Interment Rights under the legislation governing Ontario's cemeteries and do you have the legal documents to support those rights?

Under the Cemeteries Act 2002 (revised) the governing legislation states that:

"(4) An interment rights holder or the personal representative of the holder has the right to inter any human remains in a lot or other facility approved under this Act in accordance with the by-laws governing the facility. R.S.O. 1990, c. C.4, s. 23 (4)." Translation ... this means that **only the person or persons** (or their legal personal representative, executor or heir) **who is named on the Deed** or receipt from the cemetery operator **has the legal Interment Rights to be buried in or allow someone else to be buried in the** described **lot.**

What does this mean to you? If you are not the legal Interment Rights holder in the burial lot that you are planning to use **contact the Cemetery operator/owner** to inquire as to what your options might be.

Something to think about isn't it?

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